



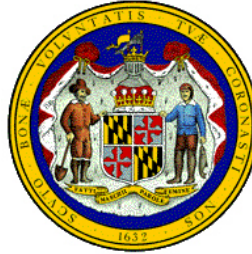
The Landowner Incentive Program provides private landowners with technical advice and cost-share assistance to help conserve species at risk in Maryland. The ultimate goal is to protect, enhance, and restore habitat for rare, threatened, and endangered species.

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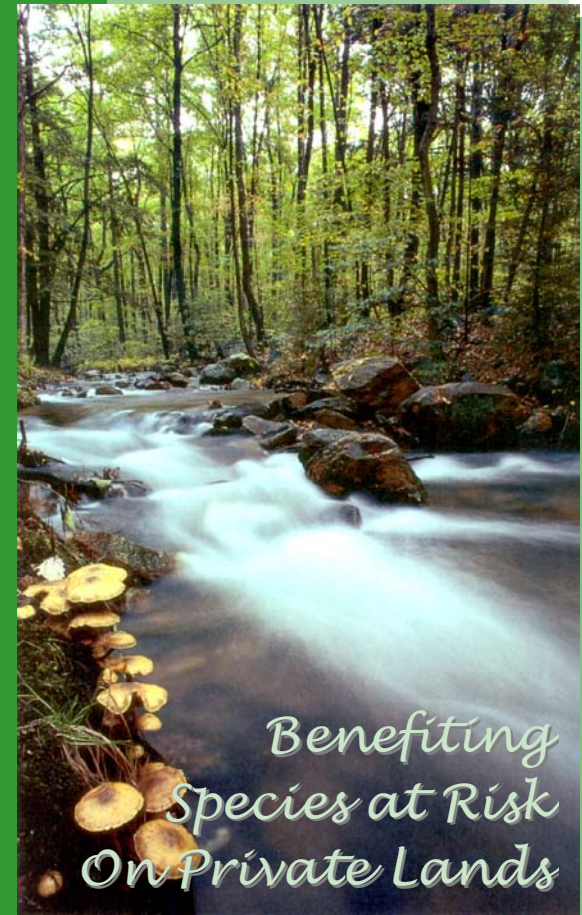
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The Landowner Incentive Program



*Benefiting
Species at Risk
On Private Lands*



Working to conserve habitat for species at risk...

Introduction

The State of Maryland has been called "America in miniature" because of its wide natural diversity. Maryland's landscape includes barrier islands and beaches, tidal marshes and estuaries, mountains, valleys, plateaus, and the host of wildlife species that inhabit them. However, habitat loss and alteration are threatening wildlife in Maryland.

In Maryland there are 607 wildlife species at risk. These include endangered and threatened species and others in need of conservation measures. Sensitive plants and animals depend on a variety of habitats on both public and private lands. Restoring and maintaining habitat on these lands is essential to the survival of wildlife. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with federal agencies and private land trusts, is allocating increasing financial and technical resources to the conservation of fish and wildlife on private lands.



Landowner Incentive Program

The Landowner Incentive Program is voluntary and non-regulatory for private landowners to conserve habitat for species at risk. Properties that contain or provide habitat for species-at-risk may be eligible for funding. It is a competitive grant program in which costs are reimbursed at up to 75%. The remaining 25% cost share can be in the form of in-kind services and/or funding from partner agencies. Funding is based on the scope and duration of each individual project and there is no cap to the maximum amount of funding that can be received by an individual applicant.

Eligible habitat conservation practices include:

- Reforestation
- Establishing grassland or forest buffers
- Invasive species control
- Vegetation management
- Livestock exclusion & fencing
- Restoring wetland hydrology

Projects can be designed to incorporate various types of management techniques to best suit the landowners needs and the wildlife present.



Program Goals

Enhance, protect or restore habitats that benefit rare, threatened or endangered species

Support on-the-ground conservation efforts to conserve biologically diverse areas

Provide technical & financial assistance to help landowners better manage lands for wildlife

Demonstrate the importance of habitat conservation

